



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item
Agenda Item No. 10
City Manager Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Jack Warren, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
 Bernie Schroeder, Engineering Division Manager ju
Date: May 11, 2009
Subject: One Way Designation on Finley Street

The Issue

Shall the one way designation on Finley Street become permanent?

Conclusions and Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council, **BY RESOLUTION**, designate Finley Street as a one way street from High Street to Orange Street and direct the Traffic Committee to bring back recommendations for additional safety improvements in the general area.

Background

In May 2008 staff presented to the Council a staff report on behalf of the Traffic Committee recommending that Finley St be made one way from High to Orange because of safety concerns. The Council approved this action on a trial basis, to begin when school was out for the summer and a report back after the first of the year. Before reporting back to the Council the Traffic Committee decided to conduct another survey of the neighborhood to get responses to the changes after they have been in place for several months. That survey was recently completed and presented to the Traffic Committee at their April 21st meeting and a copy is attached. The comments received are varied but out of 53 responses, 29 support the change, 17 oppose and 7 neutral. The Traffic Committee supports the majority position and while acknowledging that issues on Orange St and on Hale at High St warrant additional investigation the one way designation on Finley from High to Orange should be made permanent now.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Authorize Staff Recommendation.
2. Amend Staff Recommendation
 - a. Return Finley Street to a two way street
 - b. Reverse the one way designation on Finley Street – this is difficult because of school bus patterns
 - c. Designate Hale Street as one way northbound, creating a couplet. This was discussed in May 2008, but was not pursued due to objections received.

Fiscal Impact

The Public Works Department will install permanent pavement markings and the Public Works' budget will pay for the markings as the cost is negligible.

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RESOLUTION NO. 09-
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FINLEY STREET AS A ONE WAY STREET

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby designate Finley Street as a one way street from High Street to Orange Street and direct the Traffic Committee to bring back recommendations for additional safety improvements in the general area.

DATED: May 11, 2009

J.M. Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a special session meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 11th day of May 2009 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk